

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout  
the State During the Past  
Week.

**Umpqua Survey Asked**  
Gardiner.—The Umpqua Port Commission is making arrangements to have a special survey of the Umpqua bar and harbor here made by the United States war department with a view to extensive improvements. Representative Hawley and the Oregon senators are expected to secure a federal appropriation at the coming session of congress. The Umpqua is the third largest river in Oregon, the volume of water from it being close to the flow of the Willamette.

**Dallas Man Sentenced**  
Dallas.—Maintaining the same self-satisfied air that marked his bearing throughout his trial for his life on a charge of murder in the first degree, Louis Davis, convicted of murder in the second degree by a jury in the circuit court of Polk county last week, stood unmoved while Judge Holmes sentenced him to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for his natural life.

**NEW LAND PLAN PRESENTED**  
Method of Developing Logged Off Areas Talked.

Corvallis.—A business-like method of bringing Oregon's logged-off lands more rapidly into cultivation is being advocated by Dr. James Withycombe, director of the O. A. C. Experiment Station, who believes that a practical solution of the problem lies in co-operative work between farmers and progressive merchants.

According to Dr. Withycombe's scheme, interested farmers would be given the opportunity of buying on long time at reasonable rates of interest sufficient quantities of power to blast all stumps standing on the land to be cleared. The farmers could then combine their available cash resources for the purchase of donkey engines to be used in pulling and piling the stumps after they had been split and loosened up by the use of the powder.

According to estimates received at the office of the O. A. C. Experiment Station there are almost 1,000,000 acres of logged-off land in Columbia county. It is mostly excellent agricultural land when cleared.

**S. P. Overpays Taxes**  
Klamath Falls.—Klamath county is indebted to the Southern Pacific Company in the sum of \$17,000, the amount in which the railway company overpaid its 1912 taxes. The mistake was made in the assessor's office and was overlooked by the railway representative who inspected the assessment and gave his approval to the valuation as it appeared on the assessor's books.

**Rabbits and Sage Rats Worry Farmers**  
Prineville.—The worst pests the farmers of this state have had to contend with during the past year or two have been the rabbits and sage rats. Hundreds of acres of grain and potatoes were ruined this year by the ravages of these animals in Crook county alone. In some localities whole fields have been destroyed.

**NEW LAW PROTECTS BIRDS**  
Late Statute Supersedes All State Codes Which May Conflict

Portland.—On and after October 1 a federal law for the protection of migratory birds, such as wild ducks, geese, pigeons, brant and snipe, goes into effect, and supersedes all state regulations governing open and closed hunting seasons wherever state codes conflict with the government's statute. The federal code likewise extends protection to a number of shore birds, and in some cases declares a five year closed season.

The new law will terminate all spring shooting of migratory birds throughout the United States, and in Oregon will make the hunting season extend from October 1 to January 16, provided the recommendations of State Game Warden Finley are followed. Otherwise the hunting season for this state will be from September 16 to December 16, as tentative regulations just issued by the government provide.

**Farmers Want 70 Cents**  
Pendleton.—Many Umatilla farmers are holding their wheat, waiting for a raise in price. A little is being sold at 68 cents, and 69 cents for choice lots. When 70 cents is reached hundreds of thousands of bushels will be thrown on the market, but local growers declare they will not take less.

**2487 Voters Ineligible**  
Roseburg.—As a result of failure to discover certain sections of the registration laws passed at the last session of the legislature, only 13 out of a total of 2500 voters of Roseburg are eligible to vote at the primary election to be held here on September 6.

## BARS UP ON ELOPERS.

Five Days' Notice In Connecticut After Aug. 1 to Get a License.

New Haven, Conn.—Prospective elopers may save time and a trip to Connecticut if they heed the notice given by the secretary of state that no more hair trigger marriage licenses will be issued. This law became effective on Aug. 1. Five days' notice will be required before a license can be issued. For several years the custom has grown of runaway couples swarming into Connecticut, securing licenses under the liberal state laws and often being married the same afternoon. This city has been a center for elopers. Aldermen and lawyers protested vainly against the passage by the legislature of the new law, the revenue from the elopers having proved a substantial part of their income.

## 300 WOMEN ASK PENSIONS.

Ten Receive Grants Under the New Washington Law.

Seattle, Wash.—Ten women received grants of pensions from Superior Judge Frater when he heard the first batch of cases under the mothers' pension law, enacted by the recent legislature. Fifteen cases were heard. Three were denied and two were referred for further investigation.

The largest pension granted was for \$37.50 a month to a destitute widow with seven children. The amounts in the other cases ranged from \$15 to \$30 a month, according to the circumstances of the petitioners.

The investigator of the pension department reported that 300 applications for mothers' pensions had been filed, of which 150 came within the provisions of the law.

## STORK'S LITTLE TRICK.

Makes Ambulance Call Twice at the Same House.

Chicago.—Twin boys, each weighing three pounds, were born to Mrs. Lena Cohen of 1415 South Halsted street. They arrived fifteen minutes apart and necessitated two trips of the Des-plaines street police ambulance to the County hospital, where they were placed in incubators.

Dr. L. A. Sutton, ambulance surgeon, hurried to the Cohen home in response to a telephone call, arriving a few minutes after the birth of the first Cohen heir. The mother refused to be taken to the hospital.

Upon arriving at the institution Dr. Sutton found a telephone message asking him to hurry back to the Cohen home, where he learned of the birth of the second boy.

**Another Mrs. Malaprop.**  
"No, she wouldn't listen to reason," said Mrs. Twickembury. "She was in a most indicative mood."—Christian Register.

Do not allow idleness to deceive you, for while you give him today he steals tomorrow from you.—Old Saying.

## TO REORGANIZE WEATHER BUREAU

Shakeup Under Way to Affect  
Every Station.

Washington.—A complete reorganization of the weather bureau is in process, and it was said it would affect every station in the country, to say nothing of the effect of the change on commission merchants, farmers and others who are in receipt of daily weather maps which issued from forecasting stations.

For some time inspectors have been visiting the various stations collecting data by which it is hoped not only to improve the service and cause the daily forecasts to be more accurate, but at the same time introduce economies.

Charles F. Marvin of Columbus, O., has been appointed chief of the bureau.

One of the important changes contemplated in the service is to issue a night map instead of a day one. This change from day to night, it is calculated, will save money because it will eliminate from many stations the duty of publishing a daily weather chart. Men longest in the service, however, declare that the night map is unlikely to be regarded as an improvement because it will reach the persons interested about twelve hours late.

## HISTORIC DOCUMENT FOUND?

May Be the Draft of Lecompton Constitution of Kansas.

Milltown, N. J.—In looking over a bundle of papers which belonged to an uncle who died in Kansas, Justice of the Peace Joseph A. Headley of this place found what appears to him to be the original draft of the famous Lecompton constitution of Kansas, a document for which the authorities of that state have been looking for the past half century. Mr. Headley has written to the secretary of state of Kansas telling him of the find.

The Lecompton constitution was the first organic law of Kansas and provided for slavery. It was recognized by President Buchanan, but afterward supplanted with a new instrument that forbade slavery within the state.

## LOSES 3 SONS IN ACCIDENTS.

Flying Ax Kills Baby, and Mule Kicks Others to Death.

Birmingham, Ala.—George Hogg, a farmer of Searle, Tuscaloosa county, lost three children in a single day.

While he was cutting wood his ax flew from the handle and struck his infant son in the head, killing him.

He carried the body to his home and there learned that two of his young sons had been kicked to death by a mule.

## New and the Old in Aquatic Sports During Summer Term



Photos by American Press Association.

HERE you see illustrated the new and the old in aquatic sports. Canoe tilting is one of the recent games which has gained favor as a summer pastime. It's full of excitement for those who participate and for those who watch. There's a thrill in almost every move. The contestants try to dump each other into the water. Now, every one knows that a canoe is the easiest thing in the world to tip over, but in this game a noticeable feature is the fact that it's hard to overturn the canoe unless the tilting is done in the right way. The contestants wear bathing suits, and so a ducking does them no harm. If they are overturned they scramble back, and the contest is on again. Tub racing is one of the oldest but funniest of water games. One of the side splitting splits is here illustrated.

# 4th Annual Malheur County Fair



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## Local Market Report.

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Eggs, per dozen, 15c.  
Butter, per pound, 30c.  
Oats, per hundred, \$1.50  
Wheat, per hundred, \$1.60.  
Hay, per ton, \$5.  
Potatoes, per hundred, 50.  
Onions, per hundred, \$1.50.  
Apples, per box, \$1.00 to \$1.50.  
Chickens, dressed, per pound, 18c.  
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Veal, 9 to 10c.  
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**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Mass at 8 A M on 1st and 3rd Sunday  
of each month. On all other Sundays  
at 10 A M.  
H. A. Campo, Rector

**Congregational Church Notice**  
Sunday Services,  
Sunday School 10 a m  
Preaching Services 11 a m  
C E Meeting 7 p m  
Preaching Services 8 p m  
Midweek Lectures every Wednesday  
evening 8 o'clock  
Philip Koenig, Pastor.

**ADVENTIST.**  
Every Saturday  
Sabbath School—10:30 a m  
Bible Study—11:30 a m  
Young peoples meeting—1:30 p m

**Methodists.**  
Sunday School—10 A M  
Preaching Service—11 A M  
Junior League—3 P M  
Epworth League 6:30 P M  
Preaching Service—7:30 P M  
Thomas Johns, PASTOR.

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